

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2927
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2008
FOREST RIGHTS ACT
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Wildlife NGOs and the conservationists have written to the Government against the implementation of the Forest Rights Act without a fresh review as reported in the Times of India dated March 06, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has set up a Committee to review the Act; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) & (b) The concern has been expressed in the 4th meeting of National Board for Wildlife regarding loss of habitats due to the adverse impact of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on wildlife conservation.
- (c) No,Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.